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--This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/454,446, filed December 6, 1999; which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/836,441, filed May 8, 1997, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

Insert after the claims as Page 32 the following:

--Abstract

The invention relates to a method of producing nerve cell-lines a homogeneous population of nerve cells having preselected biochemical/functional characteristics. In addition,